CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A system for preparing a general procurement and accounts payable application, comprising:

   a server;

   a storage device connected to said server;

   a plurality of team terminals;

   a communication link interconnecting said server and said terminals;

   said server being operable for (1) maintaining a database of templates describing procedures for preparing said application on said storage device and (2) serving said templates to team members operating said terminals for coordinating, recording and tracking team activities with respect to said application;

1   2.   The system of claim 1, each said template storing,

2   either directly or by way of links to other documents, one

3   or more instructions, flow charts, sample questionnaires,

4   report models and checklists for guiding, coordinating and

5   documenting the work of said enterprise teams.

1   3.   The system of claim 2, said procedures including tasks

2   for performing analysis on the customer human relations

3   environment, including a plurality from the set including

4   organization structure and relationships, labor relations,

5   management, administration, and user roles and

6   responsibilities, and general human relations environment;

7   developing and approving a detailed transition management

8   and communication plan; updating a customer specific

9   transition management strategy; and defining a quality

10   assurance process.

1   4.   A method for preparing a general procurement and

2   accounts payable application, comprising the steps of:

3   maintaining a database of templates describing

4   procedures for preparing a general procurement and

5   accounts payable application;

6   operating a plurality of web-enabled user terminals to

7   access via a server said database for coordinating

8   tasks by a plurality of enterprise teams implementing

9   said procedures.

1   5.   The method of claim 4, each said template storing,

2   either directly or by way of links to other documents, one

3   or more instructions, flow charts, sample questionnaires,

4   report models and checklists for guiding, coordinating and

5   documenting the work of said enterprise teams.

1   6.   The method of claim 5, said tasks including procedures

2   for setting up a customer specific application,

3   initializing detail planning, and modeling a plan for

4   making a transition from a legacy application of said

5   customer to a new application.

1   7.   The method of claim 6, said tasks further including

2   procedures for assigning resources to transition

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3   management functions from a project implementation team

4   and from said customer.

1   8.   The method of claim 6, said tasks further including

2   procedures for modeling the transition from said legacy

3   application to said new application.

1   9.   The method of claim 6, said tasks further including

2   procedures for preparing a transition management plan

3   specifically designed for said customer.

1   10.   The method of claim 5, said tasks including procedures

2   for

3   performing analysis on the customer human relations

4   environment, including a plurality of the set including

5   organization structure and relationships, labor

6   relations, management, administration, end user roles

7   and responsibilities, and general human relations

8   environment;

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10   developing and approving a detailed transition

11   management and communication plan;

12   updating a customer specific transition management

13   strategy; and

14   defining a quality assurance process.

1   11.   The method of claim 10, said defining step further

2   including the steps of:

3   identifying quality assurance processes for auditing

4   during implementation of said application;

5   confirming and refining quality assurance standards

6   with said customer;

7   confirming that technical requirements can be met;

8   confirming that business and financial measurements can

9   be met;

10   confirming that required processes have been followed

11   during preparation of said application; and

12   establishing a quality assurance schedule for

13   development and deployment of said application.

1   12.   The method of claim 5, said tasks including procedures

2   for generating a plurality of documents selected from the

3   set of documents including configuration standards, testing

4   strategy, production support and operations strategy,

5   accounting system management strategy, front end server

6   strategy, network computing strategy, and vendor conversion

7   strategy.

1   13.   A program storage device readable by a machine,

2   tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by a

3   machine to perform method steps for preparing a general

4   procurement and accounts payable application, said method

5   steps comprising:

6   maintaining a database of templates describing

7   procedures for preparing a general procurement and

8   accounts payable application;

9   operating a plurality of web-enabled user terminals to

10   access via a server said database for coordinating

11 tasks by a plurality of enterprise teams implementing

12 said procedures, each said template storing, either

13 directly or by way of links to other documents,

14 materials for guiding, coordinating and documenting

15 the work of said enterprise teams.

1 14. An article of manufacture comprising:

2 a computer useable medium having computer readable

3 program code means embodied therein for preparing a

4 general procurement and accounts payable application,

5 the computer readable program means in said article of

6 manufacture comprising:

7 computer readable program code means for causing a

8 computer to effect maintaining a database of templates

9 describing procedures for preparing a general

10 procurement and accounts payable application;

11 computer readable program code means for causing a

12 computer to effect operating a plurality of web-enabled

13 user terminals to access via a server said database for

14 coordinating tasks by a plurality of enterprise teams

15 implementing said procedures, each said template

16 storing, either directly or by way of links to other

17 documents, one or more instructions, flow charts,

18 sample questionnaires, report models and checklists for

19 guiding, coordinating and documenting the work of said

20 enterprise teams.

1 15. A computer program product or computer program element

2 for preparing a general procurement and accounts payable

3 application according to the steps including:

4 maintaining a database of templates describing

5 procedures for preparing a general procurement and

6 accounts payable application;

7 operating a plurality of web-enabled user terminals to

8 access via a server said database for coordinating

9 tasks by a plurality of enterprise teams implementing

10 said procedures, said templates storing, either

11 directly or by way of links to other documents,

12 materials for guiding, coordinating and documenting the

13 work of said enterprise teams.